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SUBJECT: POST APOLLO NEGOTIATIONS.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH TRELLA THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE ESC ALTERNATES MEETING IN PARIS MAY 22:

A. THE DELS CLOSELY STUDIED THE DRAFT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED IN WASHINGTON MAY 3-4, 1973 (DEPT A-4155, MAY 11, 1973). PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH, HOWEVER SUPPORTED BY OTHERS, SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT.

B. FRENCH PROPOSED THAT A NEW SPACE CONFERENCE BE HELD JULY 12 TO REEXAMINE THE DECEMBER BRUSSELS' DECISION. APPARENTLY FRENCH CLAIMED THAT THE RETURN TO EUROPE FOR COOPERATION WAS SO MUCH LESS THAN EXPECTED IN DECEMBER THAT THE WHOLE POLICY SHOULD BE RE- EXAMINED.

C. ITALY AND GERMANY STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS MOVE BUT WERE NOT ABLE
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TO DEFEAT THIS FRENCH MOTION. THEY WERE ABLE HOWEVER TO DELAY A DECISION UNTIL JUNE 18 ON WHETHER TO HOLD THE CONFERENCE.

D. A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO SEND A NOTE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO USG FORMALLY PRESENTING EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS NOTE WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. EXACTLY HOW IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO USG AS YET UNKNOWN BUT PROBABLY A NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS WILL WISH TO PERSONALLY, AS A GROUP, PRESENT TO JUDGE HOW MUCH OF THAT PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ON PARTICULAR NEEDS BH MINISTER. PROPER COORDINATION, HOWEVER, COULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH DEPARTMENT AND BCIU PLANNING. LABATT UNDERSTANDS THAT BCIU PROGRAM PROBABLY HAS EMPHASIS ON OVERSEAS BUSINESS AND ITS LABOR RELATIONS. HENCE DESIRE ON PART OF MINISTER TO SPEAK WITH GOVERNMENT EXPERTS.

4. ONE SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT LABATT WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST FOR MINISTER IS WITH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR AND NOW HEAD OF FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE WILLIAM USERY. BELIEVE USERY'S BROAD BACKGROUND IN LABOR RELATIONS AND AT LEAST NODDING ACQUAINTANCE WITH MIDDLE EAST MAKE HIM A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE CONTACT FOR MINISTER.

5. LABATT HAS FOUND MINISTER TO BE INTELLIGENT, FORTHCOMING AND MOST INTERESTED I
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